

Gamecocks repeat as CWS champions

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — South Carolina finished the first College World Series at TD Ameritrade Park the same way it did the last one at Rosenblatt Stadium.

The Gamecocks are national champions again.

Michael Roth pitched 7 2/3 innings on three days' rest and the Gamecocks were in control throughout a 5-2 win over Florida on Tuesday night that completed a two-game sweep in the CWS finals.

"Beginning of the year I said we finished at the old one, so let's try to open the new one up," said second baseman Scott Wingo, voted the CWS' Most Outstanding Player. "Coach wasn't sure we would get it, but I'm the type of guy who felt we were going to do it. I was thinking of the Oregon State team the whole year. I had a feeling we would get back and win this thing, and we did."

South Carolina (55-14) became the first team to ever go 10-0 in an NCAA tournament and the first since Oregon State in 2007 to go unbeaten in a CWS.

The Gamecocks' streaks of 16 NCAA tournament wins and 11 straight in the CWS are both the longest all-time.

They became the sixth team to win consecutive national titles and first since Oregon State in 2006-07.

Peter Mooney doubled to start a three-run third inning in the matchup of Southeastern Conference rivals and hit the Gamecocks' first home run of the CWS in the sixth.

After giving up four runs in the first inning of their opener against Texas A&M, the Gamecocks allowed just six in their other 50 innings here.

"They earned this one," Florida coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "They were a little bit better than us in all phases. They pitched a little bit better. They hit a little bit better. They played a little bit better defense and they earned it."

"You have to be a little lucky to win this game," Gamecocks coach Ray Tanner said. "We were living a charmed life."

US women win opener in World Cup soccer

AUGSBURG, Germany (AP) — There's no sign of the tension letting up at this hard-fought World Cup, with even the top-ranked United States having to dig deep for its opening victory.

The Americans were held scoreless for almost an hour by North Korea before Lauren Cheney and Rachel Buehler made the difference in a 2-0 victory.

Ahead of the U.S. win, none of the first five games had more than one goal splitting the teams. Like the Americans, Sweden also had to struggle through 90-degree heat on the most sweltering day so far, before escaping with a 1-0 win over Colombia.

The results so far indicate that the days that top teams could cruise through the first round have gone, adding a sense of unpredictability to much of the group stage.

And as in any men's World Cup, scandal came to visit the women's event. Colombia had to replace its backup goalie after Yineth Varon failed an initial drug test and was provisionally suspended. The definitive result that comes with the "B" sample is expected within days.

Equatorial Guinea striker Jade Boho will also miss the tournament because of eligibility issues arising from her Spanish ancestry.

Baseball

Major League Baseball				
At A Glance				
All Times EDT				
By The Associated Press				
American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	46	31	.597	—
Boston	45	33	.577	1½
Tampa Bay	45	35	.563	2½
Toronto	39	41	.488	8½
Baltimore	35	41	.461	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	43	37	.538	—
Cleveland	41	37	.526	1
Chicago	38	42	.475	5
Minnesota	35	45	.423	9
Kansas City	33	47	.413	10
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	42	38	.525	—
Los Angeles	41	40	.506	1½
Seattle	39	41	.488	3
Oakland	36	44	.450	6
Tuesday's Games				
Philadelphia 5, Boston 0				
N.Y. Yankees 12, Milwaukee 2				
N.Y. Mets 14, Detroit 3				
St. Louis 6, Baltimore 2				
Pittsburgh 7, Toronto 6				
Tampa Bay 4, Cincinnati 3				
Texas 7, Houston 3				
Minnesota 6, L.A. Dodgers 4				
Colorado 3, Chicago White Sox 2, 13 innings				
Arizona 6, Cleveland 4				
Oakland 1, Florida 0				
San Diego 4, Kansas City 2				
L.A. Angels 11, Washington 5				
Atlanta 5, Seattle 4				
Today's Games				
Cincinnati (Volquez 4-3) at Tampa Bay (Shields 8-4), 12:10 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers (R.De La Rosa 3-2) at Minnesota (S.Baker 5-5), 1:10 p.m.				
Kansas City (Chen 4-1) at San Diego (Stauffer 3-5), 3:35 p.m.				
Atlanta (D.Lowe 3-6) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 8-6), 3:40 p.m.				
Cleveland (C.Carrasco 7-4) at Arizona (Duke 1-2), 3:40 p.m.				
Boston (Lackey 5-6) at Philadelphia (Worley 2-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Marcum 7-2) at N.Y. Yankees (A.J.Burnett 7-6), 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Capuano 6-7) at Detroit (Coke 1-7), 7:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (C.Carpenter 2-7) at Baltimore (Jakubauskas 2-0), 7:05 p.m.				
Washington (Zimmermann 5-6) at L.A. Angels (Haren 7-5), 7:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Maholm 4-8) at Toronto				

(Morrow 3-4), 7:07 p.m.				
Texas (C.Lewis 6-7) at Houston (Myers 3-6), 8:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 6-5) at Colorado (Jimenez 3-7), 8:40 p.m.				
Florida (Nolasco 4-4) at Oakland (Moscoso 2-3), 10:05 p.m.				
Thursday's Games				
Boston (Lester 9-4) at Philadelphia (Harns 9-4), 1:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Wolf 6-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 10-4), 1:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 4-6) at Detroit (Verlander 10-3), 1:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Peavy 4-1) at Colorado (Cook 0-3), 3:10 p.m.				
Florida (Volstad 3-7) at Oakland (Cahill 8-5), 3:35 p.m.				
St. Louis (Westbrook 6-4) at Baltimore (Matusz 1-3), 7:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Karstens 5-4) at Toronto (Cecil 1-2), 7:07 p.m.				
Texas (M.Harrison 6-6) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 5-4), 8:05 p.m.				
National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	50	30	.625	—
Atlanta	46	35	.568	4½
New York	40	39	.506	9½
Washington	40	40	.500	10
Florida	34	45	.430	15½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	44	36	.550	—
St. Louis	42	38	.525	2
Pittsburgh	40	38	.513	3
Cincinnati	41	40	.506	3½
Chicago	32	48	.400	12
Houston	28	52	.350	16
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	46	34	.575	—
Arizona	44	37	.543	2½
Colorado	39	40	.494	6½
Los Angeles	36	45	.444	10½
San Diego	36	45	.444	10½
Tuesday's Games				
San Francisco 13, Chicago Cubs 7, 1st game				
San Francisco 6, Chicago Cubs 3, 2nd game				
Interleague games under AL				
Today's Games				
San Francisco (Lincecum 6-6) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 5-6), 8:05 p.m.				
Interleague games under AL				
Thursday's Games				
Boston (Lester 9-4) at Philadelphia				
San Francisco (Cain 7-4) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 6-4), 2:20 p.m.				
Interleague games under AL				



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Big catch

Catlin Sallee, left, and Phil Boyd caught a large flathead Friday morning on a limb line in the Neosho River. Estimating the catch to be in the high 50- to low 60-pound range, Sallee said it was their biggest catch this year. The men used 265 lb. test line with black perch as bait. Kenny Lumley is also a member of the fishing team, but was not available for the picture.

Sharapova advances, men's play resumes

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — When Maria Sharapova says her game is getting better and better at Wimbledon, it's hard to argue.

The fifth-seeded Russian, the only quarterfinalist at the All England Club with a Grand Slam title to her name, dominated her match on Centre Court on Tuesday, moving back into the semifinals for the first time since 2006.

"I certainly feel like I've improved, especially from my second round," said Sharapova, who beat 24th-seeded Dominika Cibulkova 6-1, 6-1 on another wet day at Wimbledon. "I think that's really important if you want to get to the later stages, later stage of the second week, as well."

"You have to step it up because the matches will only get tougher and you're going to be playing better players that have won the same amount of matches, as well."

Sharapova won the Wimbledon title in 2004 when she was only 17. She made the semifinals the next two years, but hadn't been back this far since.

To reach a second final, she'll have to beat German wild-card entry Sabine Lisicki, who reached her first Grand Slam semifinal by defeating 2007 finalist Marion Bartoli 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-1.

In the other semifinal match, fourth-seeded Victoria Azarenka will face Petra Kvitova.

Today, the men return to the court with six-time champion Roger Federer up

against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, defending champion Rafael Nadal against Mardy Fish, Novak Djokovic facing 18-year-old Australian qualifier Bernard Tomic and Andy Murray versus Feliciano Lopez.

Sharapova lost the opening game of her match under the roof on Centre Court, but then won eight straight and never let Cibulkova hold serve again.

"It's been a few years since I got past the fourth round, and now I'm in the semifinals," said Sharapova, who has not lost a set at this year's tournament. "So this a great chance for me to take it a step further."

Although Azarenka is the highest seeded player remaining in the draw at No. 4, Sharapova is the favorite.

At 24, the Russian is three years older than the other three semifinalists. Plus, Sharapova won the 2006 U.S. Open and the 2008 Australian Open while Lisicki and Azarenka will be playing in a major semifinal for the first time.

"It's great, the fact that I've had the experience of being in those stages. But I haven't been for a while, so it's a nice and refreshing feeling to have," Sharapova said. "I've put a lot of work in to get to this stage, but I still feel like, you know, the tournament's not over. I still have a few more goals left."

The first obstacle will be Lisicki, who was first up under the roof on Centre Court as rain poured down and thunder blared.

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